

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Budget Summary

Component: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Contribution to Department's Mission

To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators.

Core Services

- Investigate properly filed complaints against certified educators;
- Sanction the certificates of educators found to have committed illegal, immoral or unethical acts;
- Promote adherence to the Code of Ethics by certified educators; and
- Review regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification.

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p>A: Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p>	<p>A1: Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> Initiate investigation within 30 days</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process complaints • Investigate complaints • Conduct background checks • Conduct hearings • Sanction certificates • Distribute Decision & Orders of the Commission • Promulgate regulations • Negotiate stipulated agreements & surrenders • Presentations to educational leaders and state-wide mentors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to pre-service educators at AK's universities and to currently employed educators through school district in-services • Newsletter to all certified employees in Alaska • Poster of Code of Ethics (COE) to all schools • Telephone consults • Annual Report • Publish COE brochure given to all certified educators • Maintain web site • Review proposed changes to certification regulations • Commissioners will network with constituencies

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$258,800

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Performance Measure Detail

A: Result - Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators

Target #1: Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission

Measure #1: Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission

Number of Educators Sanctioned by the Commission

Year	YTD
FY 2003	9
FY 2004	12 +33.33%
FY 2005	12 0%
FY 2006	8 -33.33%
FY 2007	7 -12.50%

Analysis of results and challenges: In FY2007 the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission was seven. The decrease from FY2006 is primarily due to the Commission's staff increase in proactive educational work with educators and networking with constituencies.

A1: Strategy - Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts

Target #1: Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days

Measure #1: Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days

Percentage of Acknowledgements within 5 Business Days

Year	YTD
FY 2004	73%
FY 2005	100%
FY 2006	100%
FY 2007	100%

Analysis of results and challenges: Procedures were instituted in FY2006 to ensure all complaints were acknowledged in a timely manner. In FY2007 the Commission continued to acknowledge all complaints within five business days.

Target #2: Initiate investigation within 30 days

Measure #2: Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days

Percentage of Investigations Initiated within 30 Days

Year	YTD
2004	100%
2005	100%
2006	100%
2007	100%

Analysis of results and challenges: In FY2007 the Commission continued to respond timely to complaints. 100% of complaints, which warranted investigations, had investigations initiated within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

Key Component Challenges

The ability of the Commission to investigate all complaints in a timely manner or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the available resources. The Commission is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.

The Commission strives to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and to create an awareness of the Commission's role and responsibility in disciplining certified educators.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

There are no significant changes in the results to be delivered in FY2009.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

- Completed 128 investigations of complaints against educators;
- Conducted 6 appeal hearings;
- Disciplined 7 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure;
- Reviewed 242 applications for certification containing background checks indicating criminal convictions. 181 applicants who had revealed convictions on their applications for certification an/or provided the requested details were approved for certification;
- Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state;
- Updated and distributed the Professional Code of Ethics Poster;
- Presented code of professional ethics and the role of the Commission were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Education Leadership class, Elementary and Secondary Education, Middle School Administrator staff, in-service for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, and Matanuska-Susitna High School Careers Class.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030
 4 AAC 12
 4 AAC 18
 AS 14.20.370-.510
 AS 44.62
 20 AAC 10.010-.900

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**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	167.0	170.3	176.6
72000 Travel	16.8	20.7	20.7
73000 Services	36.7	60.2	58.0
74000 Commodities	11.9	3.5	3.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	232.4	254.7	258.8
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	2.6	6.7
1156 Receipt Supported Services	232.4	252.1	252.1
Funding Totals	232.4	254.7	258.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	232.4	252.1	252.1
Restricted Total		232.4	252.1	252.1
Total Estimated Revenues		232.4	252.1	252.1

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	2.6	0.0	252.1	254.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: GGU	3.9	0.0	-3.9	0.0
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: Exempt	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
-FY 09 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.9
FY2009 Governor	6.7	0.0	252.1	258.8

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
<u>FY2008</u>		<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Management</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>			
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	118,608
Part-time	0	0	COLA	3,640
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	59,755
			<i>Less 2.97% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(5,403)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	176,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Secretary	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2